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FOR DR BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 11649 ACTION SECSTATE JULY 14.

QUOTE S E C R E T BONN 11649

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DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO EMBASSY MOSCOW

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT UR  
SUBJECT: BREZHNEV'S HEALTH

REFS: (A) STATE 159587; (B) MOSCOW 9621;  
(C) USNATO 6517

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL AND  
POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH, WE BRIEFED ACTING  
POLITICAL DIRECTOR MEYER-LANDRUT ON REFTEL (B). MEYER-  
LANDRUT SAID AMBASSADOR TOON'S OBSERVATIONS AND  
ASSESSMENTS CONCERNING BREZHNEV'S HEALTH COINCIDED  
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ALMOST EXACTLY WITH THOSE OF THE GERMANS, BASED ON THE  
RECENT GENSCHER MEETING WITH BREZHNEV.

2. WE COMMENTED THAT THE ASSESSMENT CIRCULATED IN NATO  
BY THE FRG DELEGATION, AS SUMMARIZED BY USNATO (REF C),  
HAD IMPLIED A MORE DRASIC CHANGE IN BREZHNEV'S  
CONDITION THAN THAT IN REF (B). MEYER-LANDRUT

RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHICH PAPER OR TELEGRAM THE FRG DELEGATION HAD CIRCULATED BUT COMMENTED THAT IT WAS INACCURATE IF IT IMPLIED AGREEMENT WITH ANYTHING LIKE THE PRESS REPORTS FOLLOWING BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO PARIS. THE GERMAN IMPRESSION, HE CONTINUED, IS THAT BREZHNEV HAS AGED CONSIDERABLY IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BUT IS STILL VERY MUCH IN CONTROL OF HIS FACULTIES. CASH UNQUOTE VANCE

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